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On October 10<sup>th</sup> I was pleased to announce an \$18 million tax credit allocation for Senior Community Centers to develop critically needed affordable housing for San Diego seniors. City Heights Square, to be located at 43<sup>rd</sup> and Polk in City Heights, will provide 150 handicap accessible units for low-income seniors who earn less than \$22,000 per year. Senior Community Centers will partner with Chelsea Services Corporation to build the project.

## SENIOR HOUSING COMPLEX SLATED FOR CITY HEIGHTS



Deputy Mayor Atkins and Senior Community Centers President/CEO Paul Downey announce the receipt of \$18 million in federal tax credits for a senior housing complex in City Heights.

Projects like the City Heights complex are vital to the housing needs of our older citizens.

The recent announcement of the Pickwick Hotel closure downtown is a prime example of how many low-income seniors are being displaced and facing a life on the streets. This problem is ongoing, and we need to support more organizations like Senior Community Centers that continue to step up and create affordable housing in San Diego.

The tax credits, issued by the federal government and allocated by the State of California, will be sold to a private investor to raise equity for the complex. In June, the City of San Diego's Redevelopment Agency contributed \$7 million to the project. The tax credits mean that a large portion of the project is paid for. With the more affordable single room occupancy hotels continually shutting down in San Diego, low-income residents are left with few housing options, and those particularly vulnerable are our seniors.

Rent for qualifying seniors at the City Heights complex will range from \$359 to \$549 per month. Senior Community Centers will provide supportive housing services—meals, social work, medical and mental health care—for the residents. The surrounding amenities make the complex an ideal place to live.

The cost of the building will total \$27.5 million, and it is expected to break ground in February 2006 with completion to be in the spring of 2007.

The replacement of sections of sidewalks along the south side of University Avenue between Vermont and Herbert streets in Hillcrest began October 13. The project includes over 17,000 square feet of sidewalk, seven ADA curb ramps, five new street lights, and new landscaping, all of which combine to create a better pedestrian experience along this popular, well-traveled sidewalk.

Special thanks go to Uptown Partnership for the allocation of parking meter funds which helped pay for the street lights, and to the Hillcrest Association for underwriting the landscaping cost. I presented both organizations with special commendations at the groundbreaking ceremony thanking them for their contributions.

The construction cost for the project, which has been in the planning phase for four years, is \$477,000.

## NEW SIDEWALKS, LIGHTS AND LANDSCAPING IN HILLCREST



Deputy Mayor Atkins was joined by members of the Hillcrest Association, the Uptown Partnership and representatives of local businesses at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Hillcrest sidewalk project.

Because this is a very busy pedestrian corridor with numerous businesses and parking considerations, the

Hillcrest Association, Uptown Partnership and my office will be hosting a series of meetings with the contractor during the construction period to mitigate the impacts and inform adjacent businesses and property owners on the progress of the work.

Meetings with city staff and the contractor will occur every Friday at Frutas, 1469 University Avenue, through the duration of the project.

Please contact Warren Simon, executive director of Hillcrest Association, at (619) 299-3330, or Jeffery Tom in my

office at (619) 235-5268, if you have any questions regarding the project or these meetings.

On October 27, I joined with community members from Talmadge, city officials, and representatives of San Diego Gas & Electric and Cox Communications at the intersection of 49<sup>th</sup> Street and Lucille Drive to kick off a beautification project that includes undergrounding the overhead utility lines in Talmadge.

Undergrounding continues to be one of my top priorities to help improve the quality of life in our residential communities.

In 2002, the City of San Diego gained approval from the California Public Utilities Commission for a residential undergrounding program which aims to underground all utilities citywide and quadruples the rate of undergrounding projects from this point forward.

The start of the Talmadge Block 3FF project, the first of its kind under the 2002 agreement, is a testament to the City Council's desire to aggressively complete undergrounding throughout the City of San Diego. I'm delighted that Talmadge and Council District Three are the beneficiaries of the first large-scale residential project to be started under the 2002 agreement.

Placing unsightly overhead power and communication lines with safer and more reliable underground systems is a

## UTILITIES UNDERGROUNDING PROJECT UNDERWAY IN TALMADGE



Deputy Mayor Atkins joined Talmadge community members, city staff and representatives of SDG&E and Cox Communications for the ground breaking of the Talmadge Block 3FF Undergrounding Project.



an estimated cost of \$16.8 million. The project will also include the installation of new street lights and trees and the curb-to-curb repair of affected streets. The project is scheduled to be completed by spring 2008.

*Utilities undergrounding projects take place all during the year throughout the city. For general information about underground scheduling citywide, call the Utilities Undergrounding Information Line at (619) 533-3841.*

priority not just for Council District Three, but for all of San Diego. Almost 1,000 miles of overhead utility lines remain to be undergrounded, and it is estimated that the entire city will be undergrounded over the next 25 to 30 years. Approximately 30 to 35 miles of overhead lines are undergrounded throughout the city each year.

Construction on this project started October 31, in the Talmadge area bounded by Madison Avenue, 51st Street, Montezuma Avenue, Collwood Boulevard and El Cajon Boulevard, and will include the conversion at the residences of approximately 731 customers and 31,912 feet of overhead utilities at

The family and friends of Florence Griffith Joyner were among the distinguished guests at a groundbreaking ceremony for the new school named in memory of the famous and beloved Olympic gold medalist track star.

The new Florence Griffith Joyner Elementary School, under construction at 4271 Myrtle Avenue in City Heights, is scheduled to open in September 2006. It is funded by Proposition MM, the 1998 bond measure that provides \$1.51 billion toward \$4 billion of needed repairs and construction in the San Diego Unified School District.

Florence Griffith and Elizabeth Tate, the mother and sister of Florence Griffith Joyner, helped with the "first dig" and

## COMMUNITY, FAMILY BREAK GROUND ON FLORENCE GRIFFITH JOYNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Independent Citizens Oversight Committee Chair Dorothy Leonard, School Board Member Sheila Jackson, and friends and family of Florence Griffith Joyner break ground on a new elementary school to be named after the Olympic gold medal winner.

spoke highly of the athlete, known fondly as "Flo Jo." Joyner, known as the World's Fastest Woman, broke records in the 100- and 200-meter events and elevated women's track to a higher level. She founded the Florence Griffith Joyner Youth Foundation for disadvantaged youth, now based in City Heights and managed by Tate.

The new school, situated on 6.3 acres in City Heights, will include 32 classrooms, a library, multipurpose room, state-of-the-art technology, energy efficient design features and a joint-use grass playfield. The buildings' steel columns and sleek roof lines express the spirit of Joyner's dynamic sense of swift motion and strength.



# THE TONI TIMES

From the Desk of Deputy Mayor Toni Atkins

Newsletter

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Dear San Diego Neighbors,

As we reach the final days before the mayoral election, it seems appropriate to update you on our preparations for the new “strong mayor” form of government, which will place the mayor at the head of an executive branch that is responsible for all of the city’s departments. This is the role that has traditionally been held by the city manager.

Our new form of government will begin January 1, one month after our new mayor takes office on December 5. When I first assumed the office of deputy mayor, one of the three priorities that I set for my short tenure as acting mayor was to do all that I could to ensure that the transition to the strong mayor form of government stayed on schedule despite the vacancy on the 11th floor of the City Administration Building.

In October, the City Council passed three key ordinances necessary to implement the strong mayor form of government. The City Council transition committees, City Manager, City Attorney, and the Citizens Advisory Committee worked closely in a smooth and coordinated manner to develop this legislation.

The ordinances adopt the Council’s new Permanent Rules of Operation, establish an Office of Independent Budget Analyst, and bring the municipal code into compliance with the mayor’s new powers under the charter. Under its new rules, the City Council will elect from its members a council president, who will serve a one-year term and preside over council meetings.

Thank you for all your help and support during this challenging time of transition and change at City Hall. I’ve been deeply honored to serve as your deputy mayor and look forward to spending the last month in this role smoothing the way for our new chief executive. As Thanksgiving approaches, I am grateful for the work you do as active citizens in a vibrant democracy. Together, as we move toward the end of the year, I hope we can close a difficult chapter in our fair city’s history and move steadfastly into the path of reform as we welcome a new mayor, new year, and new era.

Best wishes,



## SAN DIEGO CELEBRATES FLEET WEEK 2005

San Diego's Fleet Week has become so extensive that it rightly should be re-named Fleet Month. Beginning with the East County Troop Salute on Saturday, September 24, and culminating with the Navy Ball on October 28, this year's extensive activities included the Port of San Diego Sea-n-Air Parade, U.S. Navy ship tours, a golf tournament, the Coronado Classic Speed Festival, Fleet Week Breakfast, and the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show.

As a resident of San Diego, you can take pride in the fact that Fleet Week San Diego is the largest tribute in the nation to the military's enlisted men and women – our neighbors – who dedicate their lives to defending our freedom and our way of life.

With more than 100,000 active duty military and 280,000 veterans, San Diego enjoys many benefits from its long history with the armed services. In economic terms alone, the direct and indirect economic impact of the military presence in San Diego is more than \$18 billion each year. While the local economy has diversified since the end of the Cold War, the contributions and presence of our armed forces members, veterans, and retirees are felt every day, whether they are still in the service or now in private life.

This year, my staff and I attended many of the Fleet Week events. At the Fleet Week Breakfast, I was honored to be joined by BJ Penn, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Environment and Installations. I had the opportunity to meet with Assistant Secretary Penn and discuss current issues between San Diego and the Department of Defense, such as the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process affecting the Navy's Broadway Complex downtown, and the need for more military housing.

San Diego continues to be, in many respects, a military town, and I know that all of our citizens are proud of the work our armed forces members do to protect our nation and its interests around the world. Fleet Week is a great way to honor our heroes and to learn more about the work they do in San Diego.

I salute the active duty personnel, veterans, military retirees, and their immediate families, friends, and relatives who are here in San Diego. Welcome to our city, thank you for the work you do, and be safe. Our thoughts are with you, no matter where you are.

## ASSISTANCE FOR HURRICANE KATRINA EVACUEES ENTERS NEXT PHASE

On October 17, I joined with the local chapter of the American Red Cross and close to a dozen other agencies to mark the official closing of the Hurricane Katrina Family Assistance Center and herald the



Deputy Mayor Atkins praised the work of the agencies who made up the Family Assistance Center.

movement into the next, long-term phase of assistance for our new neighbors from the Gulf Region.

I am incredibly proud of how San Diegans opened their arms to welcome and care for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Not only did our region send more than 100 swiftwater and urban search and rescue personnel to the Gulf Region, but we have also welcomed more than 1,170 families comprising more than 2,495 individual evacuees into our neighborhoods.

Whether these individuals ultimately decide to remain in our area, relocate elsewhere or someday return home to the Gulf Region, they have benefited from what has been an outstanding collaborative effort by the city, the county, the American Red Cross, and the dozens of partnering social service agencies, community groups, places of worship, businesses and individuals who have come together to serve our new neighbors in this time of need.

The center played a vital role in providing the wide range of services that evacuees needed for their short-term transition to relocate to this region. We owe the agencies who came together at this center a huge debt of gratitude.

The center served as a one-stop-shop for a convenient and accelerated process for access to services, while greatly reducing the level of frustration and fatigue that evacuees surely would have felt had they been required to pursue all of these services at separate locations over a series of weeks.

Our work with evacuees already in San Diego, and those who may still relocate here, is not concluding. We now move into the next phase of the process to provide long-term housing, transportation, food, health and mental care, and job assistance for the 61 percent of the evacuees who have indicated that they will be remaining in the San Diego region.

The agencies that were represented at the center will continue to provide services for new evacuees, and the American Red Cross will continue to be the first point of entry for people as they arrive there, but the case management will be provided out of the Red Cross headquarters rather than the Family Assistance Center.

## FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED

I was honored to take part in a ceremony held at the Balboa Park Club Ballroom on September 29 during which 23 members of the city's Fire-Rescue Department--both civilians and firefighters--were given promotions.

The promotions are based on the results from written tests and an oral interview. Out of this process the personnel are ranked on a list and the promotions are granted from this list.

Congratulations to everyone receiving these much-deserved promotions!



Deputy Mayor Atkins joined Fire-Rescue Chief Jeff Bowman and department officials at a recent Fire-Rescue Department promotion ceremony.



## POLICE PROMOTIONS AND RETIREMENTS ANNOUNCED



(Above) Deputy Mayor Atkins, Councilmember Brian Maienschein, Police Chief William Lansdowne and fellow members of the San Diego Police Department were on hand for "George Saldamando Day" honoring Assistant Chief Saldamando's 34 years of service to the city.



(Above) Deputy Mayor Atkins sponsored a resolution proclaiming "Robert A. Hurt Day" honoring the retiring lieutenant's 29 years of service to the police force.



(Left) Deputy Mayor Atkins joined Police Chief Lansdowne and Assistant Chief Maheu in presenting a certificate of promotion to Officer Dan Walters.

(Right) Deputy Mayor Atkins with Sergeant Ricky Castro and Captain Cesar Solis.



(Above) Deputy Mayor Atkins sponsored a resolution proclaiming "Patrick McLarney Day" honoring the retiring sergeant's 31 years of service to the force.



(Above) Deputy Mayor Atkins and Councilmember Tony Young present a resolution proclaiming "Roulette Armstead Day" in honor of Assistant Chief Armstead's 31 years of service to the city. Also pictured are Police Chief Lansdowne (second from left) and Assistant Chief Bill Maheu (left).





# PHOTO GALLERY



(Above) Deputy Mayor Atkins greets His Excellency Pedro Catarino, Ambassador of Portugal to the United States, in the mayor's ceremonial office. Also present were Vice Admiral João Manuel Lopes Pires Neves, Vice Chief of Naval Staff, Portuguese Navy, Lisbon, Portugal; Dr. Antonio Jose Alves de Carvalho, Consul General, Consulate of Portugal, San Francisco; and local leaders of the Cabrillo Festival.



(Left) Deputy Mayor Atkins presents San Diego LGBT Community Center Director of Development Shawn Ingram with a City Council resolution proclaiming October 2 "AIDS Walk San Diego Day" in the City of San Diego.



(Above) Deputy Mayor Atkins greets former North Park Main Street Executive Director Jay Turner in the Mayor's Ceremonial Office. Atkins and the City Council honored Turner with a council resolution proclaiming Sept. 26 "Jay Turner Day" in the City of San Diego for his outstanding work in the North Park business community.



(Left) Deputy Mayor Atkins joined Real Admiral Len Hering, Commander, Navy Region Southwest (left) for lunch. Also present were Rene Trevino, Navy Region Southwest; Hering's Chief of Staff, Captain Mike Allen; and Atkins' Deputy Chief of Staff Paul Grasso.

(Right) Deputy Mayor Atkins joined seniors at the Potiker Family Residence downtown on the KUSI "Morning Show" with Rod Luck.



(Above right) Deputy Mayor Atkins and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Madaffer represented the city at a Petco Park press conference announcing that the 2006 World Baseball Classic finals and semi-finals will be held in San Diego in March 2006.

(Above) Deputy Mayor Atkins and San Diego Downtown Partnership Executive Director and former Fifth District Councilmember Barbara Warden at the World Baseball Classic press conference.



(Above) Police Chief William Lansdowne (left) and Fire-Rescue Chief Jeff Bowman flank Deputy Mayor Atkins at the recent World Baseball Classic press conference.



(Left) Deputy Mayor Atkins and Sixth District Councilmember Donna Frye join with community members and city Traffic Engineering Department staff to celebrate the reopening of Fashion Valley Road adjacent to Fashion Valley Mall in Mission Valley in time for the holiday shopping season. A portion of the road just south of River Walk Drive had been closed since January when storm flooding exposed a major sink hole under the roadway.



Cherokee Point Elementary recently became the first permanent elementary school to be built by Proposition MM, the \$1.51 billion bond measure passed by San Diego voters in 1998.

The new school, which opened its doors September 6th and was dedicated on October 12th, represents a nearly \$40 million investment in City Heights. Historically, City Heights has had the most overcrowded campuses in the city. Cherokee Point Elementary

## FIRST PROP MM SCHOOL DEDICATED IN CHEROKEE POINT



(Left) Deputy Mayor Atkins was pleased to join school officials and community members at the Oct. 12th dedication of Cherokee Point Elementary School.

(Right) A large crowd of students and community members was on hand for the dedication of Cherokee Point Elementary School, the first new school constructed with Proposition MM funds.



has helped reduce crowding at other nearby schools, allowing students to attend a neighborhood school if they choose. Students have access to state-of-the-art technology in every classroom. Healthy design and energy efficiency elements have earned the school the prestigious CHPS designation (Collaborative for High Performance Schools).

Proposition MM is also funding construction of 14 other new and rebuilt schools, as well as renovation of 161 existing schools.

Numerous Balboa Park cultural institutions celebrated significant milestones in October.

The Timken Museum celebrated its 40th anniversary Saturday, October 1, with the opening of a new exhibit entitled "Rembrandt's Apostles." The exhibit combines a piece from the permanent collection, entitled "St. Bartholomew," with four other masterworks by Rembrandt van Rijn depicting other apostles.



Rembrandt's "St. Bartholomew" (above) is part of a new exhibit, "Rembrandt's Apostles," at the Timken Museum in Balboa Park.

The Japanese Friendship Garden celebrated its 90th anniversary and the groundbreaking for the expansion of its garden area Friday, October 2nd. The garden has its roots in the Japanese Tea House that was featured in the 1915 Panama California Exposition. The planned expansion will complete the remaining nine acres of the Japanese Friendship Garden's leasehold. It will include an 18,000 square foot cultural center, a cherry grove, teahouse, lotus pond, tea garden, and waterfall as well as incorporate numerous environmental techniques in the construction such as water conservation, wind and solar power.

## HAPPENINGS IN AND AROUND BALBOA PARK

The Marston House, an icon of arts and crafts era architecture, celebrated its 100th anniversary Sunday,

October 9, with free tours of the house and lectures on the history of the house and its patriarch, George Marston.



The beautiful and stately Marston House on the west side of Balboa Park recently turned 100.

Elsewhere in Balboa Park, several cultural institutions have named new executive directors. Rick Hernandez has been named to run the Centro Cultural de la Raza. Mr. Hernandez has a background in arts management, and was most recently the executive director of the La Jolla Stage Company. He replaces Nancy Rodriguez, who has transitioned to serve on the Centro's board of trustees.

The Mingei International Museum has named James Goodwin, recently of the Craft & Folk Art Museum in Los Angeles, as the museum's new executive director. Mr. Goodwin replaces the Mingei's founder, Martha Longenecker, who recently announced her plans to retire.

The San Diego Aerospace Museum has named entrepreneur William Lennartz as its new executive director, replacing Ken Curtis, a former Navy pilot who is retiring.

Additional information about Balboa Park museums and attractions can be found at [www.balboapark.org](http://www.balboapark.org)



## NEWS FROM UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

### PARK VIEW INN CLOSES

The Park View Inn, long a neighborhood problem, has closed! In early October, the owner of the Park View Inn, which has been a magnet for criminal activity, noise and other forms of disturbance to the surrounding neighborhood, agreed to close the motel. The property was fenced off October 13 and is currently for sale.

University Heights Community Relations Officers Rick Edgil and Edmund LaValle have worked diligently along with Police Captain Sarah Creighton and numerous other officers and detectives toward trying to resolve this issue. Leo Wilson with Safe Streets Now-San Diego and the University Heights Community Association helped orchestrate the community's involvement which helped lead to the closure of the property.

Deanna Walker with San Diego's Neighborhood Code Compliance Department will head up an inspection of the motel soon so that the owner can address any violations before the property enters escrow. Escrow is set to start in within the next one to two months.

### COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

On October 6, the University Heights Community Association held its elections for board members. Candace Bremond was voted in as president, Beth Jaworski as vice president, Brent Orlesky as treasurer and Greg Sorini as secretary. Congratulations to the new board members, and thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to volunteer on behalf of your community.

## DEPUTY MAYOR SPEAKS AT NORMAL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DINNER

I had the honor of speaking to a full house at the monthly Normal Heights Community Dinner on September 28th at the Normal Heights Community Center. I enjoyed getting the opportunity to discuss both city and council-wide issues, as well as answer questions about ongoing Normal Heights issues and projects.

Special thanks goes to Pat Meyer, dinner coordinator, for her efforts on the dinner, and to everyone who attended. She is rumored to be retiring from the dinner program after last month's October dinner and is looking for a successor. If you're interested in helping out, please call Pat at (619) 281-9678 or e-mail [patmeyer@normalheights.org](mailto:patmeyer@normalheights.org).

## SOUTH PARK/GOLDEN HILL UPDATE

### \$3,000 IN CDBG FUNDS FOR UTILITY BOX ART PROJECT

In October I was able to allocate \$3,000 from our Third Council District Community Development Block Grant reserve fund to the South Park Action Council (SPAC) for its utility box art project.

SPAC will work with a local artist to paint select utility boxes

throughout the South Park/Golden Hill neighborhood using designs submitted by other local artists that capture the essence of the community and utilize the community colors.



Select utility boxes in South Park/Golden Hill will soon be works of art because of a \$3,000 grant to the South Park Action Council from Deputy Mayor Atkins.

### REBECCA'S GRAND OPENING/ SOUTH PARK WALKABOUT

On October 7<sup>th</sup> I was able to attend the successful grand opening, expansion and ribbon-cutting ceremony for Rebecca's: A Coffeehouse located at the corner of 30<sup>th</sup> Street and Juniper Street.

That same night I joined with local community members for the South Park Walkabout. Both events were huge successes that attracted a warm crowd of local neighbors and friendly visitors.

## DEPUTY MAYOR PROCLAIMS LYRIC OPERA DAY IN SAN DIEGO

In honor of the amazing efforts put forth by the board, staff, volunteers and donors of Lyric Opera San Diego to revitalize and reopen



the Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre, Deputy Mayor Atkins invited representatives of the Lyric Opera to the City Council meeting Monday, October 17, for a special presentation of a City Council Resolution proclaiming "Lyric Opera San Diego Day" throughout the city.



# DISTRICT THREE IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## MONTHLY DISTRICT THREE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Balboa Park Committee

Santa Fe Room of the Balboa Park Club (Off Presidents Way west of Park Blvd.)

Meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30pm

Contact: Darlene Davies, chair: ddavies@mail.sdsu.edu

### City Heights Planning Committee

Metro Career Center, Community Room, 3910 University Avenue

Meets the first Monday of the Month, 6:30pm

Contact: Jim Varnadore, Chair, 619/280-3910.

### Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee (GGHPC)

Balboa Golf Course Clubhouse, Golden Hill

Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm

Contact: Steven Stratman, Chair, 619/702-6055.

### Greater North Park Community Planning Committee

North Park Christian Fellowship, Second Floor, 2901 North Park Way

Meets the third Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: John McGaughy, Chair, 619/574-1135, or jstewartstudios@aol.com

### Kensington/Talmadge Planning Group

Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive

Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: Fred Lindahl, Chair, 619/287-3157.

### Normal Heights Community Planning Group

4649 Hawley Boulevard

Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm

Contact: Judy Elliot, Chair, 619/563-5473.

### Uptown Planners

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in the Uptown District

Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm

Contact: Leo Wilson, Chair, 619/574-0109.

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## MONTHLY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

### Adams Avenue Business Association

4649 Hawley Boulevard

Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7:30am

Contact: 619/282-7329

### City Heights Business Association

Board meetings: second Wednesday of every month at

8am at 4305 University Avenue in the Basement Mtg Rm

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5588, San Diego, CA 92165

Phone: 619/540-4410

### El Cajon Blvd. Business Improvement Association

3727 El Cajon Boulevard

Meets the second Thursday of the month, 11:30am

Contact: 619/283-3608

### Hillcrest Association

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in the Uptown District

Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 5:00pm

Contact: 619/299-3330.

### North Park Main Street

3076 University Avenue

Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00am

Contact: 619/294-2501

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICERS

Rick Castro (City Heights East) -- 619/515-2733

Rick Edgil (Hillcrest, North Park, University Heights) -- 619/291-1729

Gary Gonzales (Golden Hill, South Park) -- 619/744-9500

Pat Norris (Fairmount Park) -- 619/531-1515

Bill Taitano (Normal Heights, Kensington/Talmadge) -- 619/531-2815

Jim Tulumello (City Heights West) -- 619/516-3009

## MONTHLY REDEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

### City Heights Project Area Committee

Metro Career Center, Community Room, 3910 University Ave.

Meets the second Monday of the month, 6pm

Contact: Karen Bucey, Chair, 619/957-5818.

### North Park Project Area Committee

North Park Community Service Center, 3956 30th St.

Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm

Contact: Roger Lewis, Chair, at 619/881-8977,  
or the city staff member at 619/533-5284.

## District Three Staff

**Denise Price**, Chief of Staff, Deputy Mayor's Office.

**Jane Potter**, Acting Chief of Staff, Council District Three Office.

**George Biagi**, Press Secretary, Deputy Mayor's Office; LGBT community liaison; HIV/AIDS issues; Community Development Block Grants.

**April Chesebro**, Council Representative to Kensington, Talmadge, South Park, Golden Hill and University Heights.

**Jeff Gattas**, Docket Coordinator, Deputy Mayor's Office; Rules Committee Liaison.

**Stephen Hill**, Policy Advisor/Council Representative to Balboa Park; environment, libraries, arts and culture, land use citywide; MSCP, Transit Occupancy Tax, water issues, military/veterans issues.

**Pam Ison**, Council Representative to City Heights; liaison to Asian/Pacific Islander and African-American communities; City Heights redevelopment; school liaison and education issues; women's, youth, homelessness and Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) issues.

**Cheli Mohamed**, Executive Assistant to Deputy Mayor Atkins.

**Monica Pelaez**, Council Representative to North Park; liaison to the Latino community; Council docket coordinator; Police Department liaison and public safety issues; Fire and Life Safety Services liaison; senior issues..

**Jeffery Tom**, Council Representative to Uptown, Hillcrest and Normal Heights; infrastructure, citywide redevelopment including Downtown and Petco Park, citywide business issues, energy, telecommunications, Metropolitan Transit System, SANDAG transportation, BID Council, NTC.

## District Three Community/Neighborhood Meetings

### City Heights

Azalea Park Neighborhood Association: Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 2596 Violet Street at 6:30pm.

Cherokee Point Neighborhood Association: Meets the fourth Tuesday at 6:30pm, 3737 Wightman Street. Contact: 619/285-1611.

City Heights Community Development Corporation: Meets the second Thursday of each month at 6pm at 4283 El Cajon Boulevard.

Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association: Meets the third Thursday of the month at 3850 West Gate Place at 6:30pm. Contact: FairmountPark92105@yahoo.com.

San Diego Model School Development Agency: Meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:00am at the Metro Career Center, 3910 University Avenue. For more information call Robin Allen at 619/578-7537, or check out [www.sdmodelschool.net](http://www.sdmodelschool.net).

Swan Canyon: Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 3120 Euclid Avenue at 6:30 p.m. Contact Becky at [rebecca@bairfinancial.com](mailto:rebecca@bairfinancial.com).

Teralta West Neighborhood Alliance: Meets every first and third Thursday of the month at 4286 Marlborough Street at 6:30pm. Contact: 619/281-3551.

### Golden Hill

Greater Golden Hill Community Development Corporation (GGHCDC): Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at the GGHCDC offices, 2469 Broadway. Contact: 619/696-9992

### Kensington

The Kensington/Talmadge Community Association: Meets every third Wednesday at the Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive, beginning at 7pm. (dinner for a reasonable price is served prior)

### Normal Heights

Normal Heights Cultural Council: Meets the third Thursday of each month from 6:00pm-7:30pm at 4649 Hawley Boulevard.

Normal Heights Community Dinners: Held the third Wednesday of the month (January-October) at 6:30pm at 4649 Hawley Boulevard.

### North Park

Altadena Neighborhood Association: Board meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at Santos Coffee at Thorn and 32nd streets. Contact: 619/280-6662.

Burlingame Neighborhood Association: Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at different locations each month. Contact: [dbyrne4bna@cox.net](mailto:dbyrne4bna@cox.net).

North Park Community Association: Meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 6pm at North Park Christian Fellowship Church, 2901 North Park Way.

### South Park

The South Park Action Council: Meetings are held bi-weekly on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. and last one hour. For information, e-mail Co-Chairs: Samantha Keenan at [samkeen@cox.net](mailto:samkeen@cox.net) or Connie McDonough at [conniemcdonough@cox.net](mailto:conniemcdonough@cox.net).

### Talmadge

The Kensington/Talmadge Community Association (see Kensington)

The Talmadge Community Council (TCC): Meets every third Tuesday at 4725 Lucille Drive beginning at 6:30pm.

### University Heights

The University Heights Community Development Corporation (CDC): Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the CDC office located at 4452 Park Blvd, Suite 104, at 6:30pm.

The University Heights Crime Watch and Neighborhood Association: Meets on the first Thursday of the month at Alice Birney School Auditorium, 4345 Campus Avenue. Crime Watch at 6:30pm; UHNA at 7:00pm

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